

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

A. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 22 and continuing through page 10, line 7 with the following paragraph:

To establish the general bone-shape, the center portion 22 of the body 12 is narrowed at its top and bottom 18 as compared with the upper and lower surfaces 24a and 24b of the free ends 24, to approximately the width of the elongated openings 14, and thus to approximately the width of the collar 20 with which the training aid is to be used. Thus, the upper and lower surfaces 24a, 24b establish lobes at the ends 24 that extend above and below the center portion 22 of the body. In this instance, the corners of the free ends shown are also rounded when viewed in a line along the transverse axis for both aesthetic value, and to assist in avoiding inadvertent discomfort to the dog.

B. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 7 and continuing through page 12, line 2 with the following paragraph:

The posts 16a, 16b shown are generally cylindrical, are preferably integrally molded with the body 12 and of approximately equal length, and are provided with rounded ends. Two posts 16a are positioned in the same longitudinal plane, as indicated by upper horizontal dashed lines A-A in Figures 3 and 4; and the third post 16b is located longitudinally between the posts 16a, preferably approximately centered therebetween, and offset in a second longitudinal plane spaced from the first longitudinal plane, as indicated by lower horizontal dashed lines B-B, to establish a triangular orientation between the posts when viewed from behind. The offset arrangement of the pegs provides position stability by preventing the training aid from tipping (i.e., twisting downwardly on the collar) when placed on a dog's neck. The upper posts are preferably approximately equally spaced from the lateral and transverse center axes of the body, and the lower post is preferably located projecting parallel with the transverse axis centrally between the upper posts. In keeping with the non-electrical nature of the training aid 10, the posts 16a, 16b are electrically isolated and/or molded from an electrically non-conductive material.